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Japan Bound

Calgary, Alberta (February 10, 2007) – Fort Smith's Sarah Daitch left today to represent her country at the Nordic World Ski Championships in Sapporo, Japan. She will be one of four women to ski for Canada. The NWT skier will be the first woman to represent the Territories at this level in over twenty years.

Daitch is the leader in the Madshus Sprint Series with 110 points after four races. Her nearest competitor is Shayla Swanson of Calgary with 82 points.

The day before she left, she had an intense training session with Chandra Crawford the 2006 Olympic Champion in the sprints. The workout took place in Canmore, Alberta, under the watchful eye of one of the national coaches.

Daitch was pleased with her final preparation on Canadian soil. "I feel as though I am very good condition. The whole team had a session with a sport psychologist earlier in the week to help us with our mental preparations. Training with Chandra is very exciting as she is such a wonderful sprinter. I am looking forward now to my first experience representing Canada as a senior woman racer."

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